

BEDSIDE CHEST

Here's a new and very practical idea in bedroom furniture. The hidden table looks like a drawer, but swings out to either side

EVEN if you are not in the habit of breakfasting in bed, a table that is always available is a most convenient thing to have in case of sickness or reading before going to sleep. This table will swing to either side so that it can serve either of twin beds. The chest itself is of generous size, providing ample accommodation for the usual bedside supplies and at the same time supplementing other storage facilities. Those who like to read and loll in bed usually need lots of things near at hand and modern bed lamps tend to be large and require large stands to hold them.

There are two deep drawers, one shallow drawer, and the table, which is the same depth as the shallow drawer and has the same appearance when it is closed up. The unique arrangement of drawer runners permits the table to fit in any one of six positions so that it can be adjusted to the height of the bed or to individual preference.

All of the material used in the chest is $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick. The sides, bottom, top, back, drawer bottoms and table should be of plywood. If your local lumber dealer can supply lumber-core plywood in this thick-

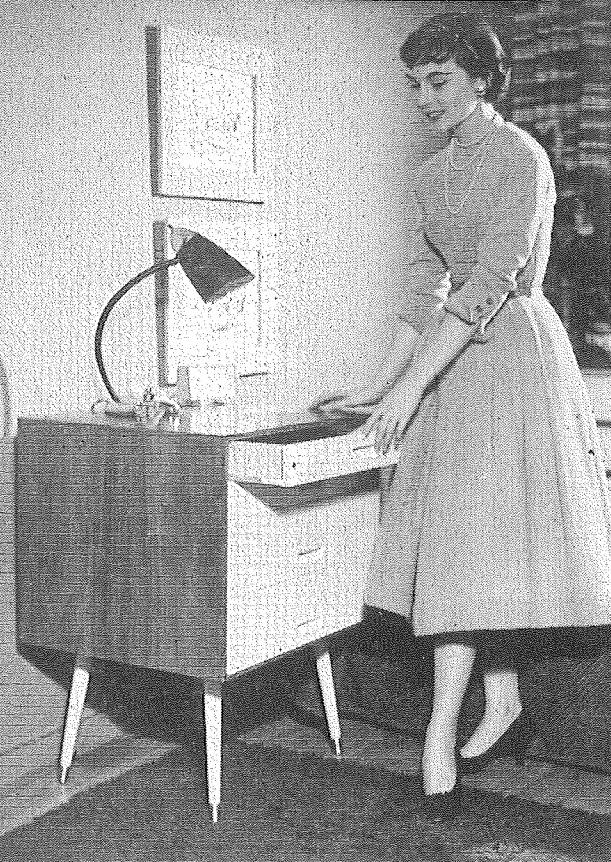
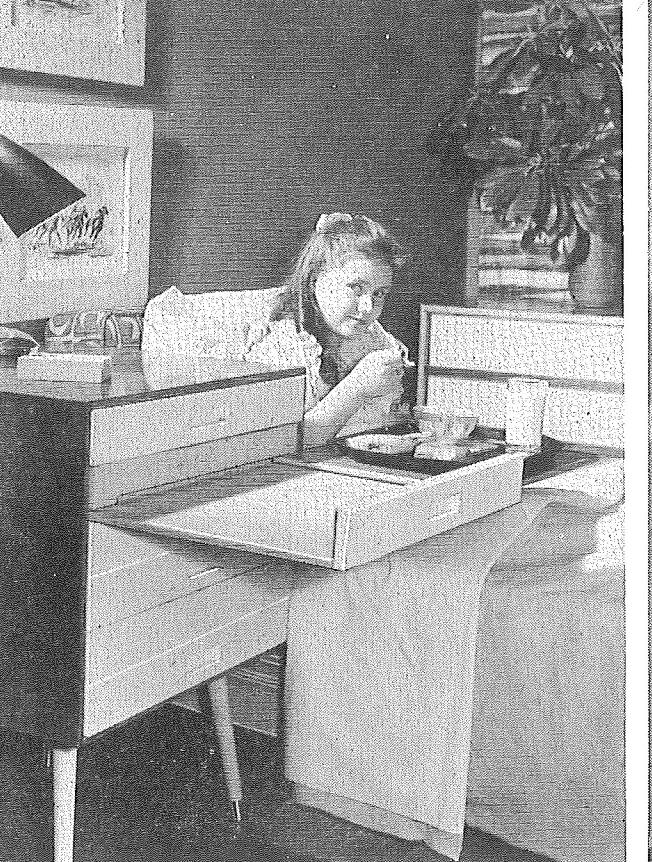
ness, it will be ideal for the chest, but if this is not possible, then five-ply stock should be used.

The runners, drawer sides, fronts, false fronts and backs can be made either of solid wood or plywood. The chest in the photograph was made of walnut, finished natural with the drawer fronts painted white—a very effective combination.

All of the parts for the carcase are simple rectangles and require nothing more than accurate measuring and cutting to size. The assembly of the carcase is begun by fastening the runners to the inner faces

When the parts have been cut out, the assembly is begun by fastening the runners to the inner face of one side as shown in the first photo at left below. The second side is then marked accurately from the first

After the runners have been glued and screwed to the second side, the two sides are glued and nailed to the bottom. Next, the back is glued and nailed in place. The top is then fastened as in the fourth photo



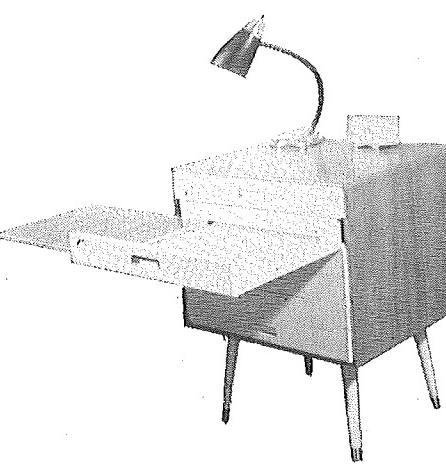
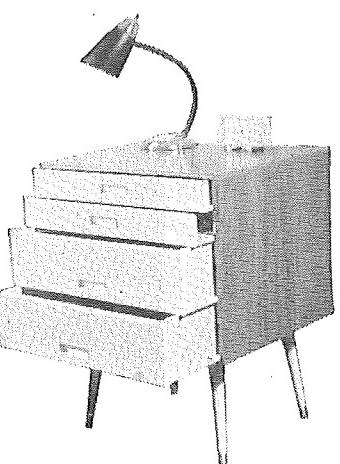
with built-in breakfast table

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of the sides with glue and $\frac{3}{4}$ " No. 7 flathead screws. The runners are set back $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the back edge and $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the front edge. The top runner is set flush with the top edge of the side and there is $\frac{1}{16}$ " space between the runners. This will leave $1\frac{1}{16}$ " space between the lowest runner and the bottom edge of the side.

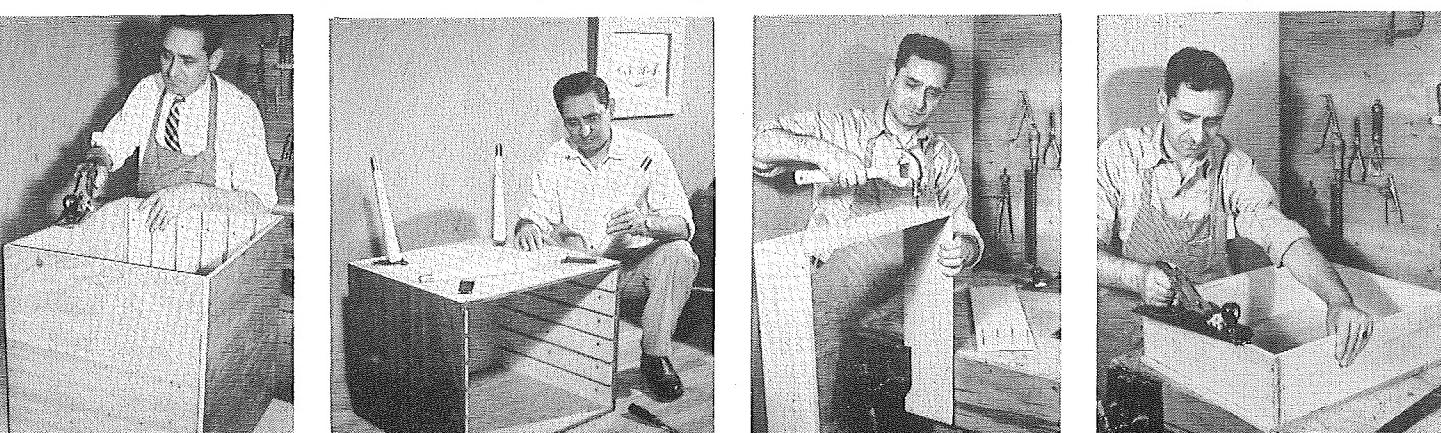
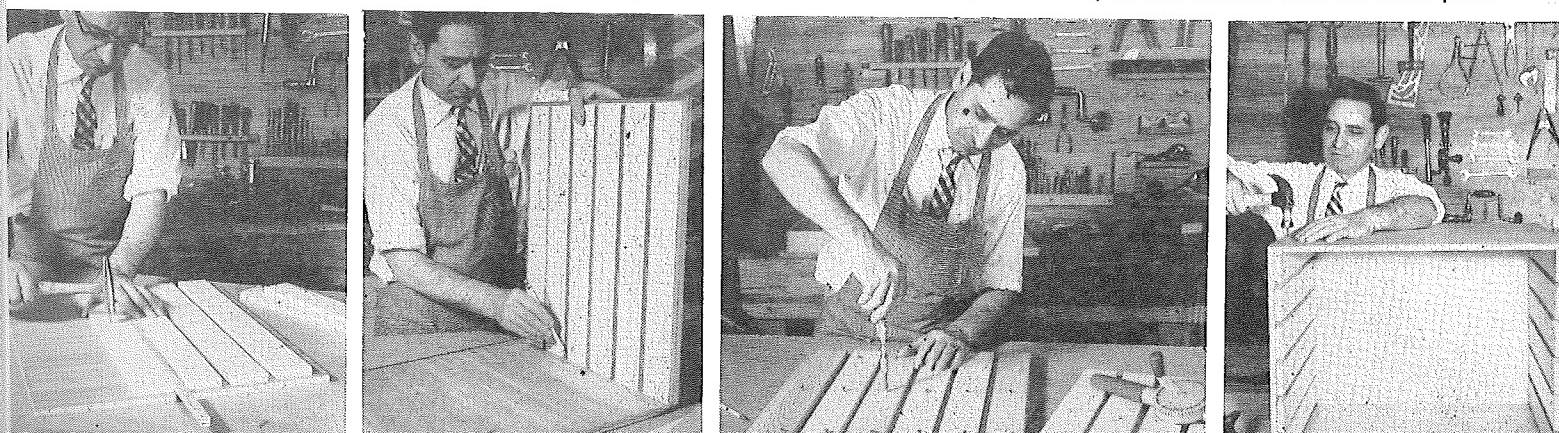
Glue and nail the sides to the bottom. Use fivepenny ($1\frac{3}{4}$ ") finishing nails, and align the front edge of the bottom with the front edges of the sides. The bottom will be set back $\frac{1}{2}$ " at the back. Then glue and nail the back to the bottom and the sides to the back. Finally, fasten the top in place. Set all the nailheads and cover them with wood composition.

Cut all the drawer and table bottoms.
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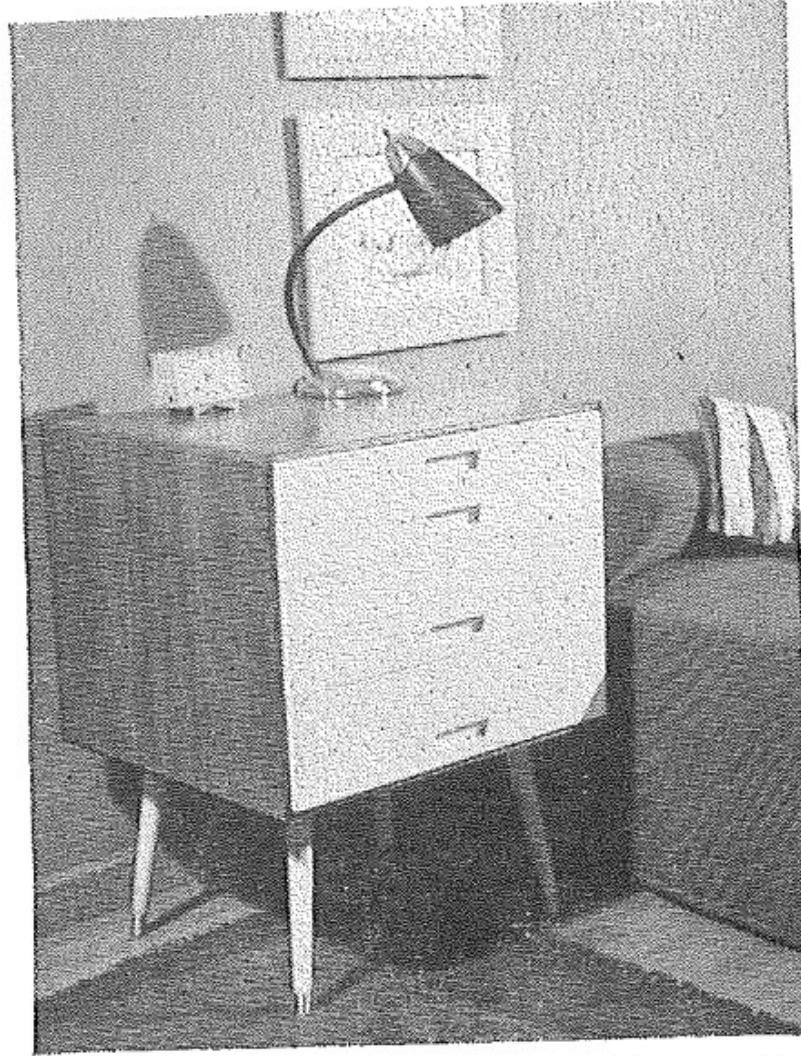


The front edges of the boxlike structure are now dressed flush and true with a fine-set plane as in the first photo below. In this case, ready-made legs were used. They were attached as shown in the second photo

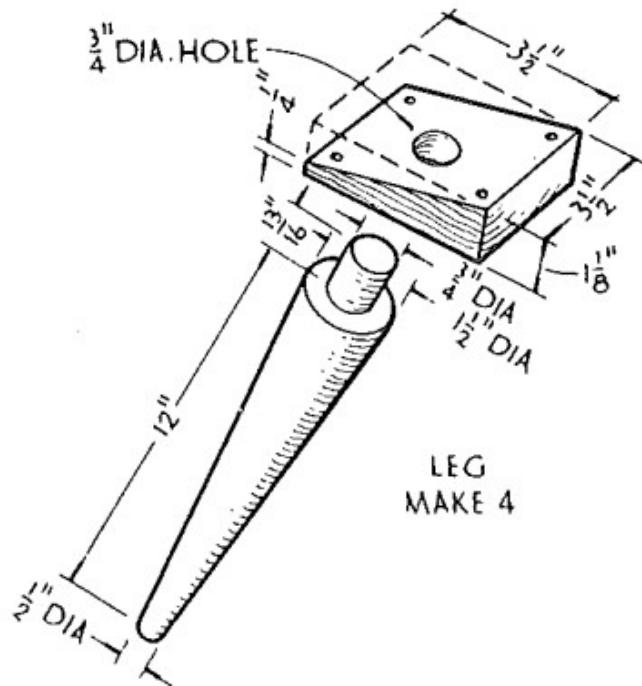
In addition to the sliding table, which looks like a drawer when closed, there are two deep drawers and one shallow drawer. The drawers are assembled with glue and nails as shown in the third and fourth photos



to the bottom with glue and two $1\frac{1}{4}$ " No. 5 screws driven up through the bottom into the false front. Glue the back and false back together, place the table leaf in position and glue and screw the back unit in place.



No one would guess that this sleek, beautiful piece of modern furniture conceals a bed table



The legs on the chest in the photograph are stock items of excellent quality, 12" high and made of maple with brass ferrules. They are Dennix legs supplied by Joré-Distributors & Co., 78 Fifth Ave., New York 11, N. Y. If you have a lathe and want to make the legs yourself, they can be constructed as shown in the drawing. The $\frac{3}{4}$ " diameter hole in the base is bored before the block is beveled. The beveling can be done on the band saw.